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11. (U) Underlining the importance of continuing the productive U.S.-India export control dialogue, poloff delivered reftel points February 4 proposing February 13 for the next round of talks in Washington, with alternate dates proposed in March. MEA Director (Disarmament and International Security) (DISA) Amandeep Singh Gill responded that February 13 was "out of the question" because he will attend meetings in Tokyo that week. Moreover, MEA/DISA Deputy Secretary Jayant Khobargade, who also addresses export control issues, will conduct an industry outreach in Mumbai on February 13. Regarding the March dates, Gill related that he would likely have to attend another Ministry's meetings tentatively scheduled on March 5-6, but would provide a more definitive response later. Gill acknowledged the importance of engaging on export control issues, and said he looked forward to receiving the non-papers.

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